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MAGNETO

MAGNETO HAS WALKED THE LINE BETWEEN SAVIOR AND DESTROYER TO ENSURE A FUTURE FOR MUTANTKIND, BUT HIS CRUSADE HAS ESTRANGED HIM FROM THOSE HE HOLDS THE MOST DEAR, LIKE HIS DAUGHTER LORNA DANE, THE MUTANT KNOWN AS POLARIS. HOWEVER, WHEN THE INCURSION OF ANOTHER EARTH THREATENS TO DESTROY EVERYTHING THEY KNOW, POLARIS JOINS MAGNETO IN HIS FIGHT TO SAVE THE PLANET...WHICH MAGNETO REPAYS WITH BETRAYAL, SAPPING POLARIS OF HER MUTANT POWER IN ORDER TO BOOST HIS OWN.

AS EVERYTHING DIES, MAGNETO IS FORCED TO CONFRONT HIS PAST, AND TO FIND IT IN HIMSELF TO SAVE THE WORLD THAT HAS ALWAYS HATED AND FEARED HIM.

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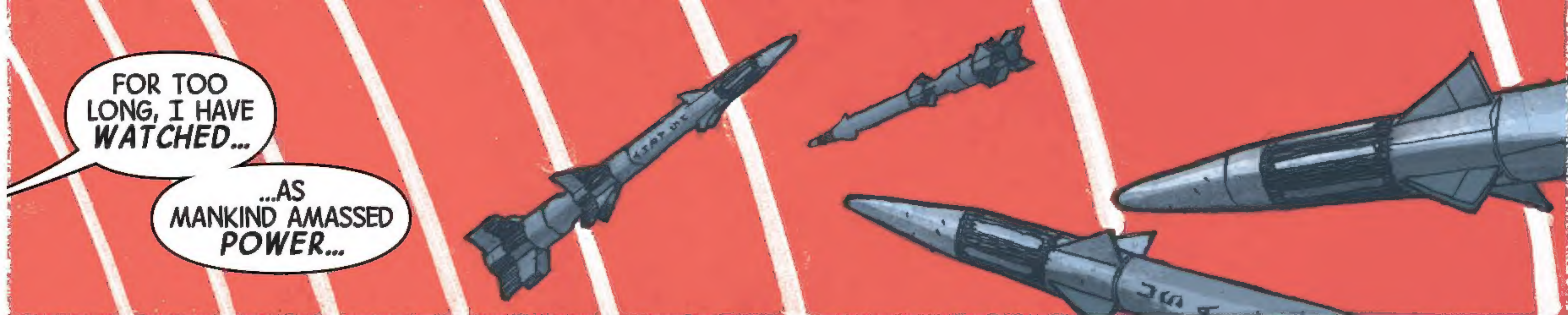
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FOR TOO LONG, I HAVE WATCHED...

...AS MANKIND AMASSED POWER...



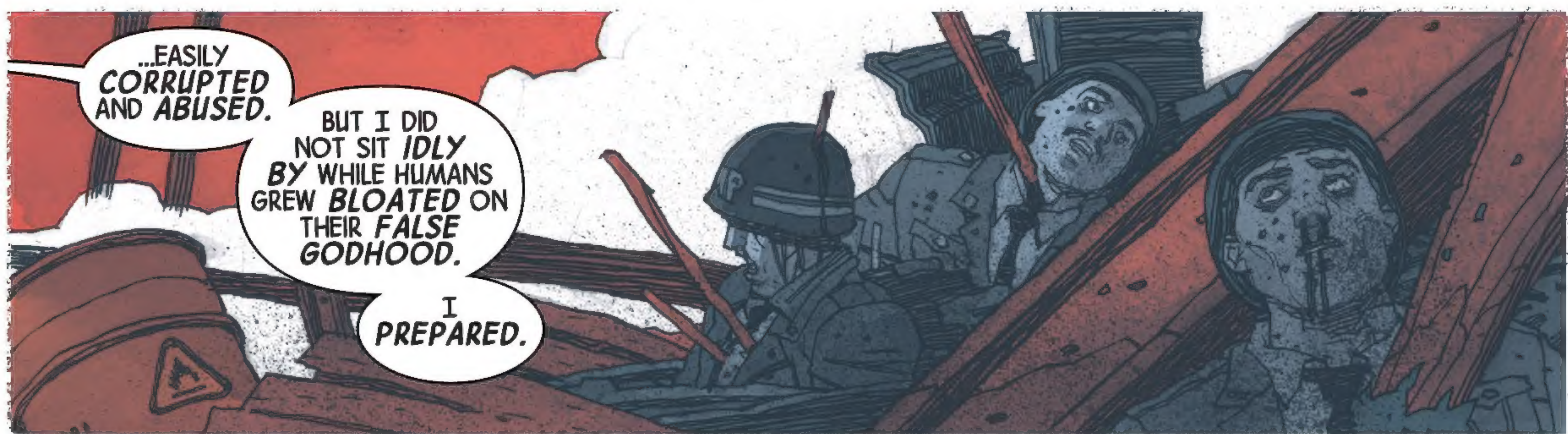
...A PALE IMITATION OF WHAT MUTANTKIND IS CAPABLE OF, YES...

...BUT POWER JUST THE SAME...



...UNFETTERED BY UNDERSTANDING...

...UNBURDENED BY RESPONSIBILITY...



...EASILY CORRUPTED AND ABUSED.

BUT I DID NOT SIT IDLY BY WHILE HUMANS GREW BLOATED ON THEIR FALSE GODHOOD.

I PREPARED.



AND TODAY I ACT.

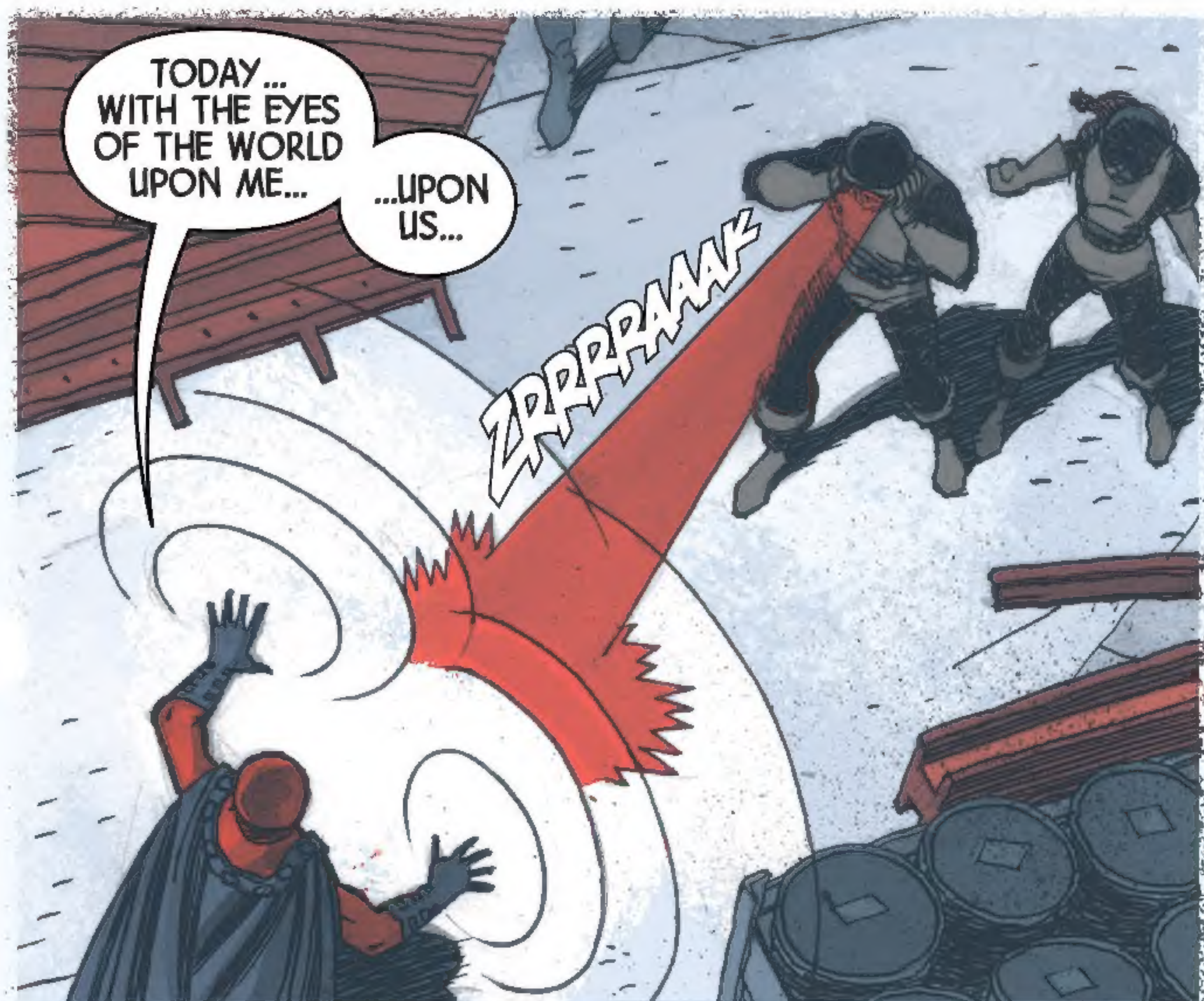
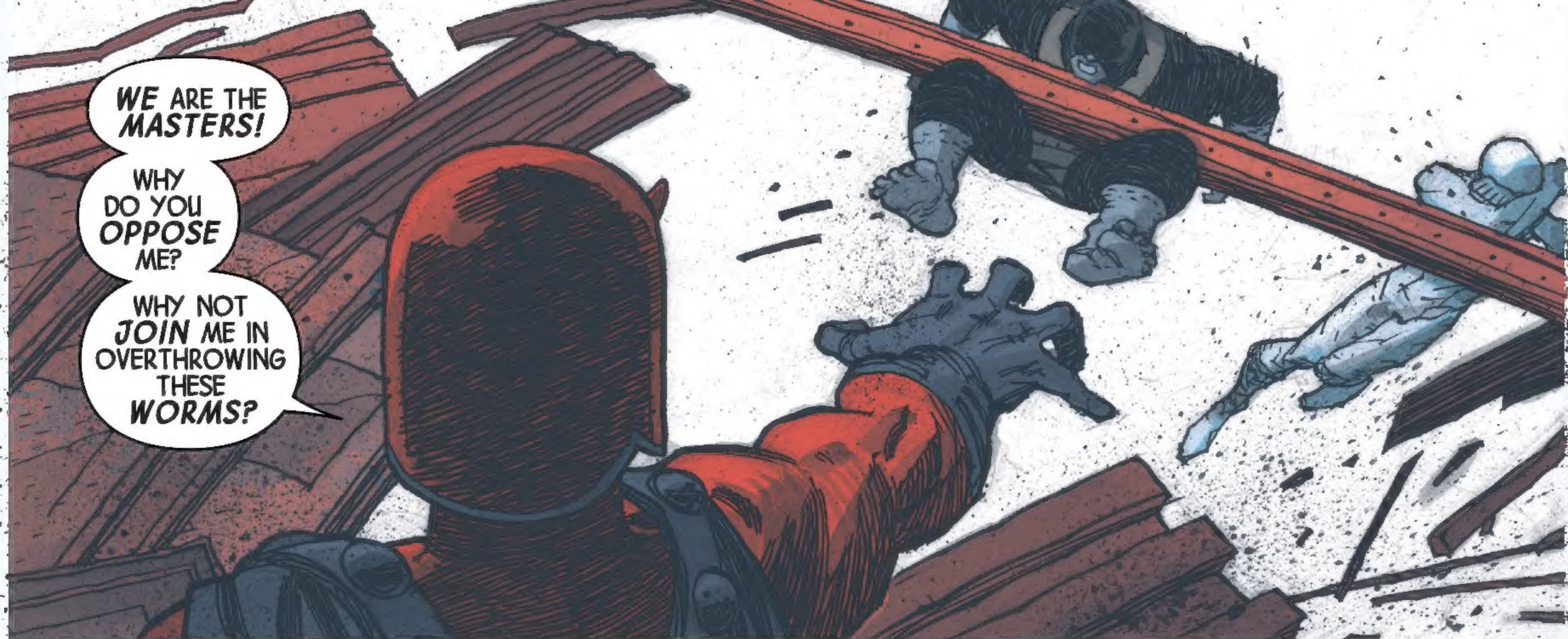
I AM MAGNETO

THE MASTER OF
MAGNETISM!

LIKE YOU,
I AM A
MUTANT.

UNLIKE YOU...
I AM NO LONGER
CONTENT TO
SQUIRM BENEATH
THE BOOT HEEL OF
UNWORTHY
MASTERS.





WITHIN MINUTES, THE
WORLD WILL *END*...

...UNLESS I
CAN SAVE IT.

THE *IRONY* IS
NOT LOST ON ME.

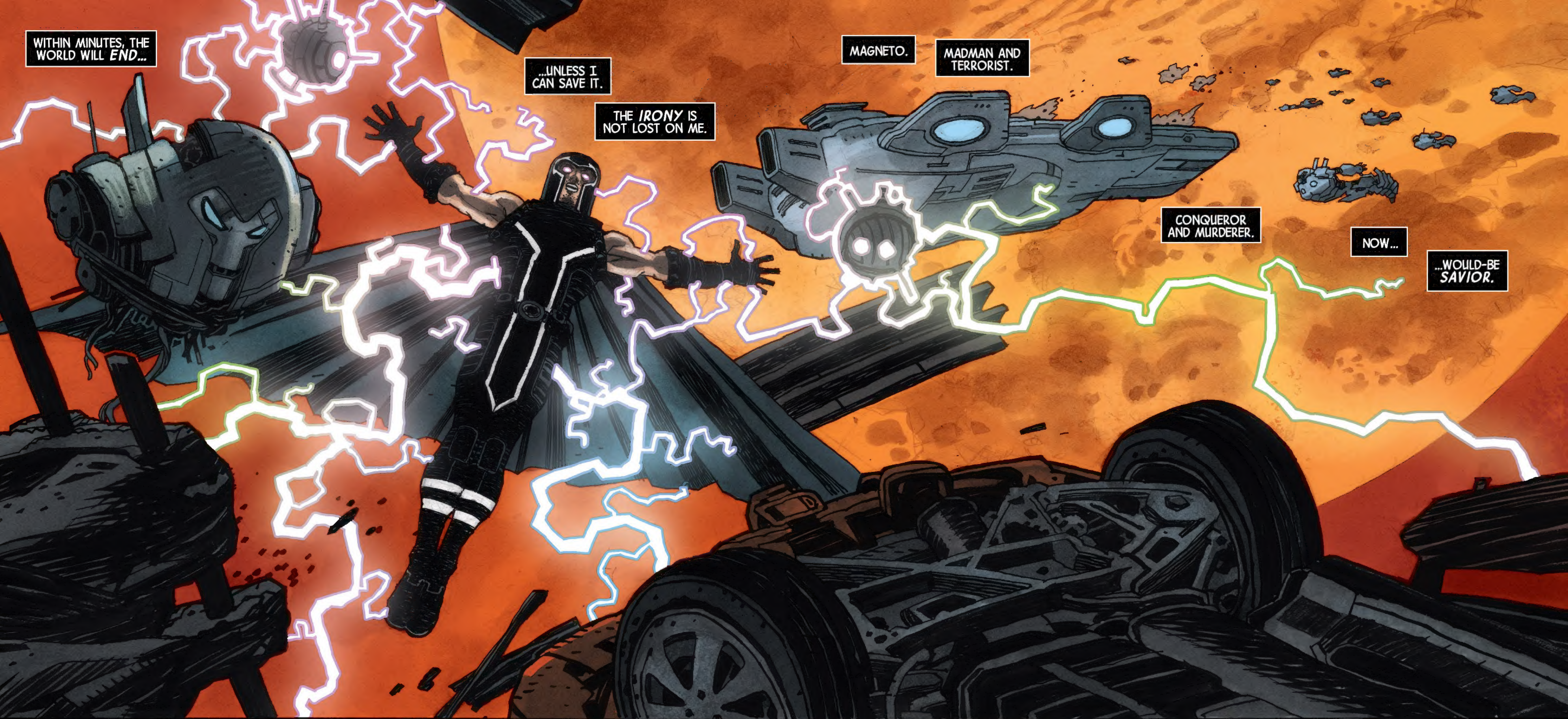
MAGNETO.

MADMAN AND
TERRORIST.

CONQUEROR
AND MURDERER.

NOW...

...WOULD-BE
SAVIOR.



BELOW...PRAYERS
ARE BEING UTTERED...



...PRAYERS OF
THANKS...

...PRAYERS *BLESSING*
ME FOR TURNING MY BACK
ON MY "EVIL" DESIRES.



THIS IS THE *LIE*
THE DESPERATE
TELL THEMSELVES.

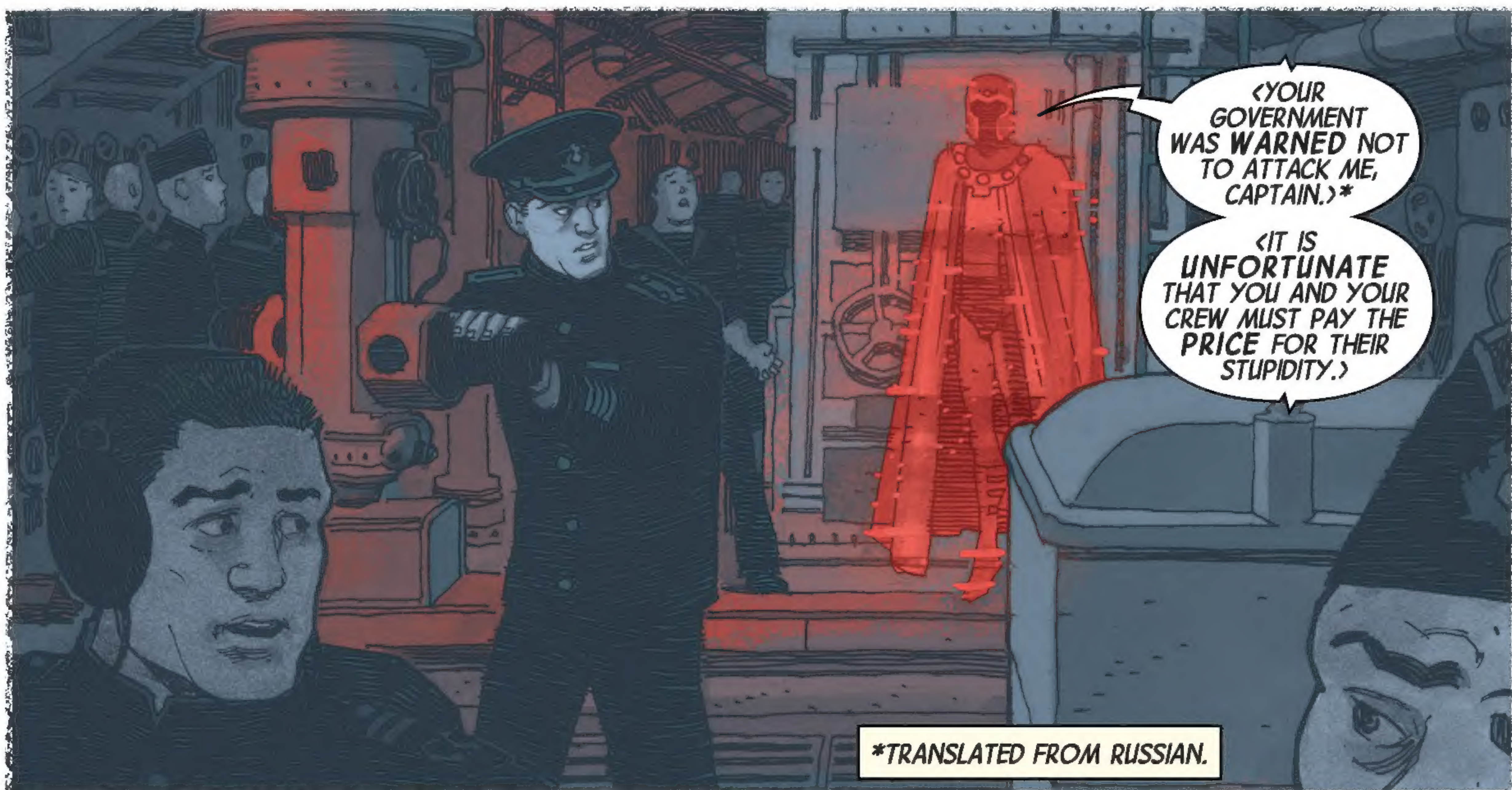


EVEN IN THOSE FLEETING
MOMENTS WHEN I
COURTED SOMETHING SO
MERCURIAL AS
REDEMPTION...

...THE WORLD AT LARGE...
BOTH *HOMO SAPIENS*
AND *HOMO SUPERIOR*...



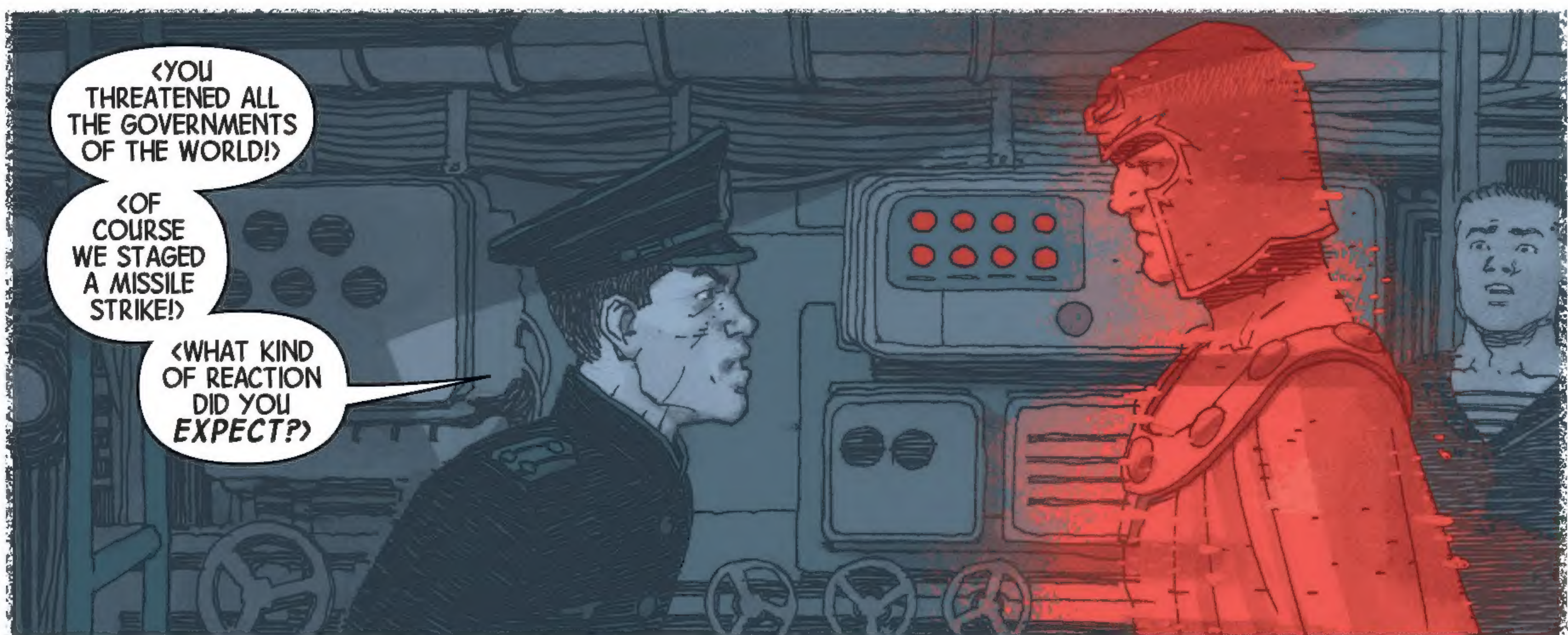
...WERE JUST WAITING FOR
THE DAY I WOULD RETURN
TO MY OLD WAYS.



«YOUR
GOVERNMENT
WAS WARNED NOT
TO ATTACK ME,
CAPTAIN.»*

«IT IS
UNFORTUNATE
THAT YOU AND YOUR
CREW MUST PAY THE
PRICE FOR THEIR
STUPIDITY.»

*TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN.



«YOU
THREATENED ALL
THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE WORLD!»

«OF
COURSE
WE STAGED
A MISSILE
STRIKE!»

«WHAT KIND
OF REACTION
DID YOU
EXPECT?»



«THE
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
ARE SHORT-
CIRCUITING!»

«THE LAUNCH
HAS BEEN
ABORTED!»



«AN
EXAMPLE IS
NEEDED.»

«THE
LENINGRAD
IS LOST.»

«AS ARE
THE LIVES OF
EVERYONE ON
BOARD.»



<YOU CAN'T DO THIS!>

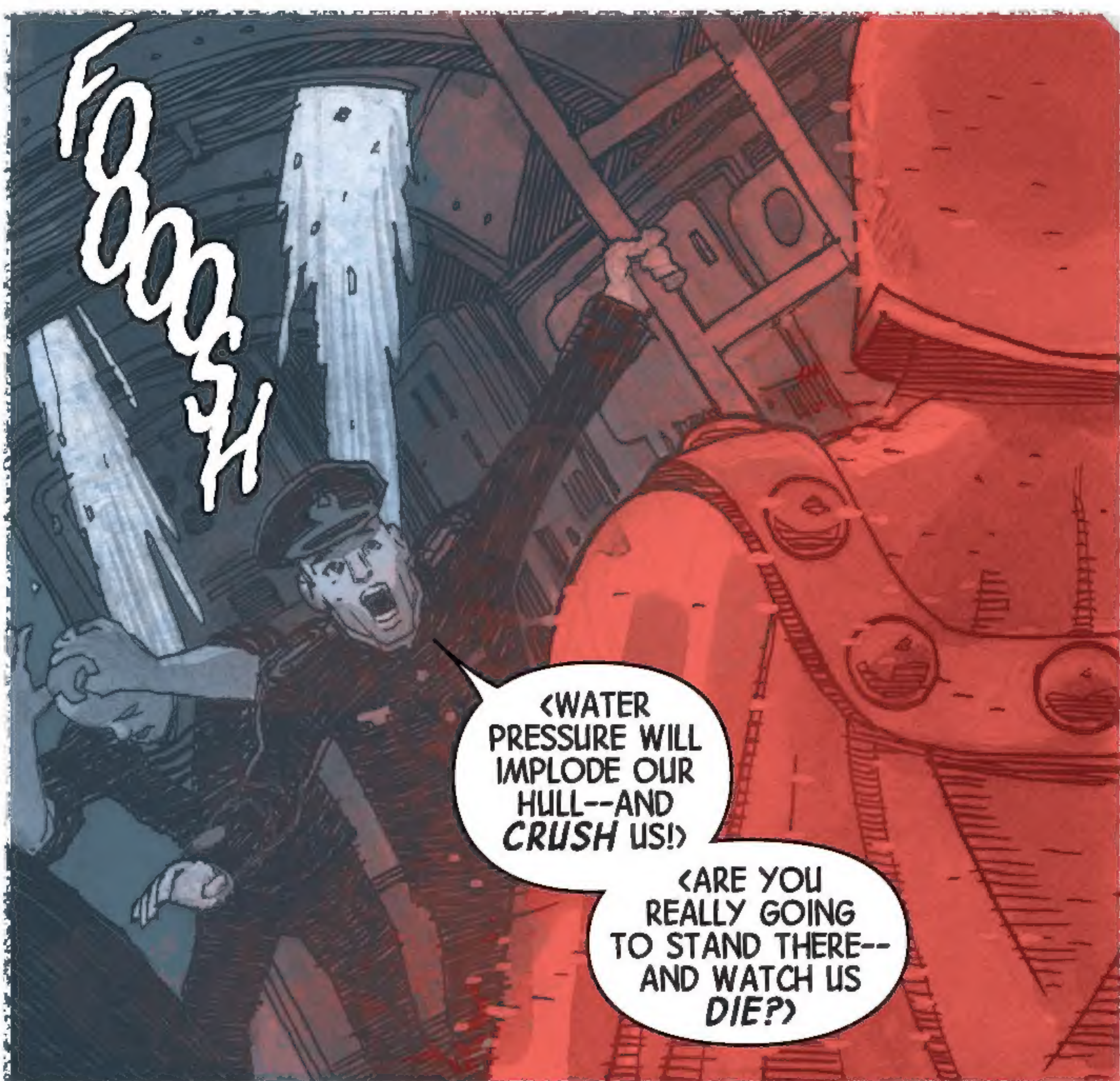
<WE WERE ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS!>

<I HAVE NO PITY FOR MEN WHO "ONLY FOLLOW ORDERS," CAPTAIN.>



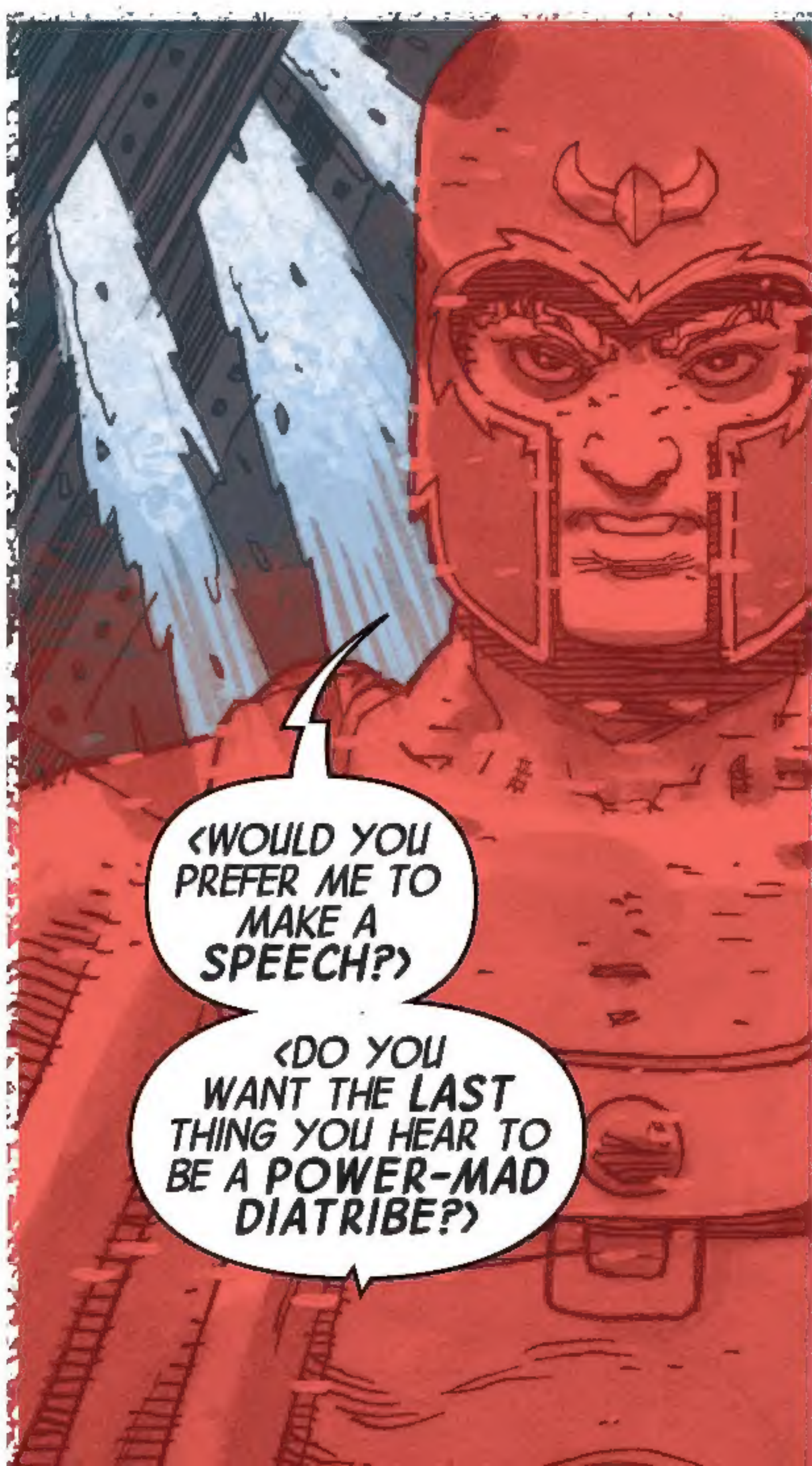
<WE'RE LOSING AIR!>

<SINKING!>



<WATER PRESSURE WILL IMplode OUR HULL--AND CRUSH US!>

<ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO STAND THERE-- AND WATCH US DIE?>



<WOULD YOU PREFER ME TO MAKE A SPEECH?>

<DO YOU WANT THE LAST THING YOU HEAR TO BE A POWER-MAD DIATRIBE?>



<THERE IS A TIME...>

<...FOR SUCH WORDS...>

<...BUT YOU HEARING THEM...>

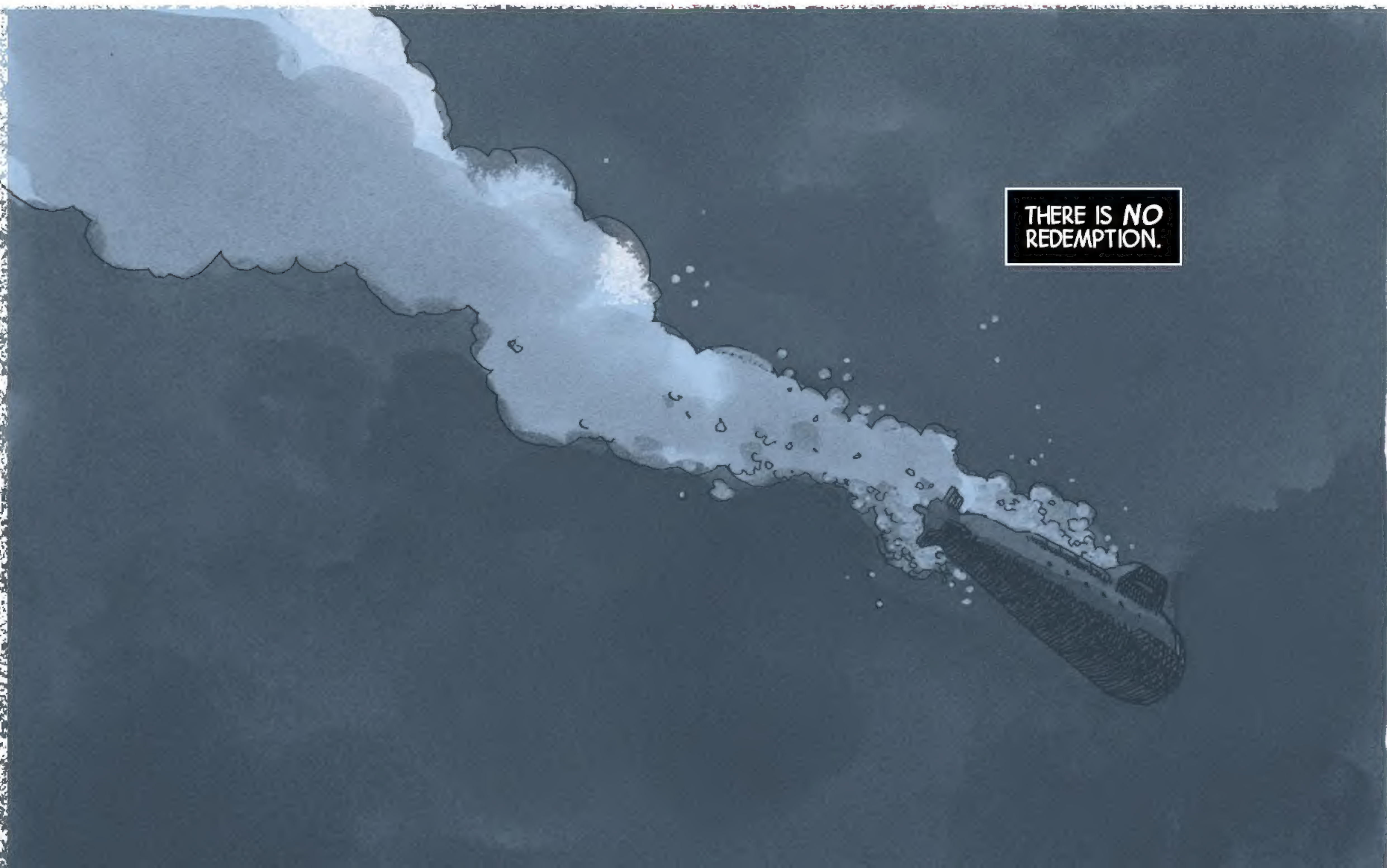
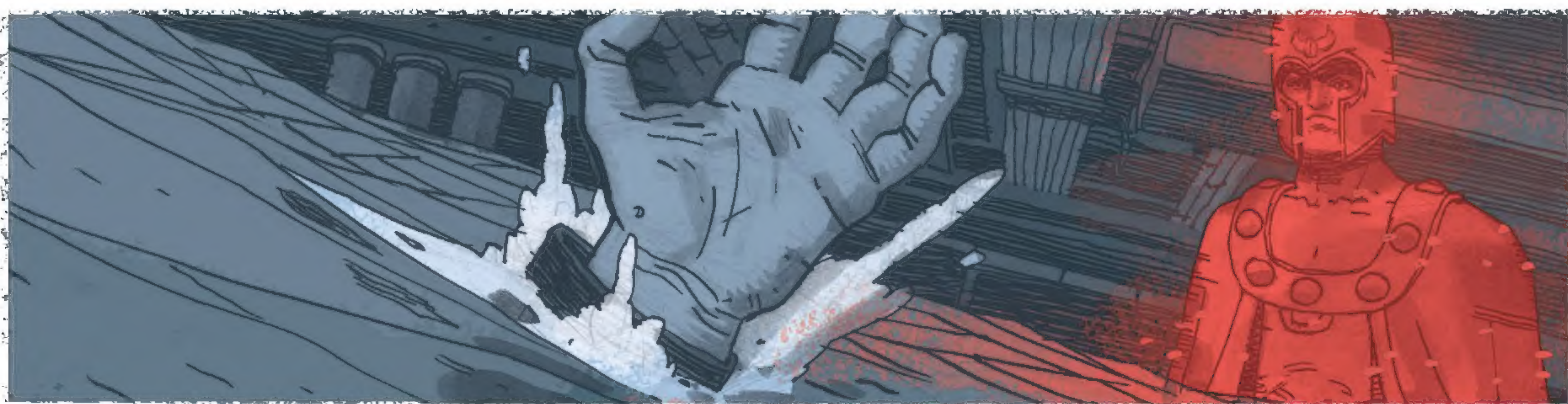
<...AS YOU BREATHE YOUR LAST...>

<...SERVES NO PURPOSE...>

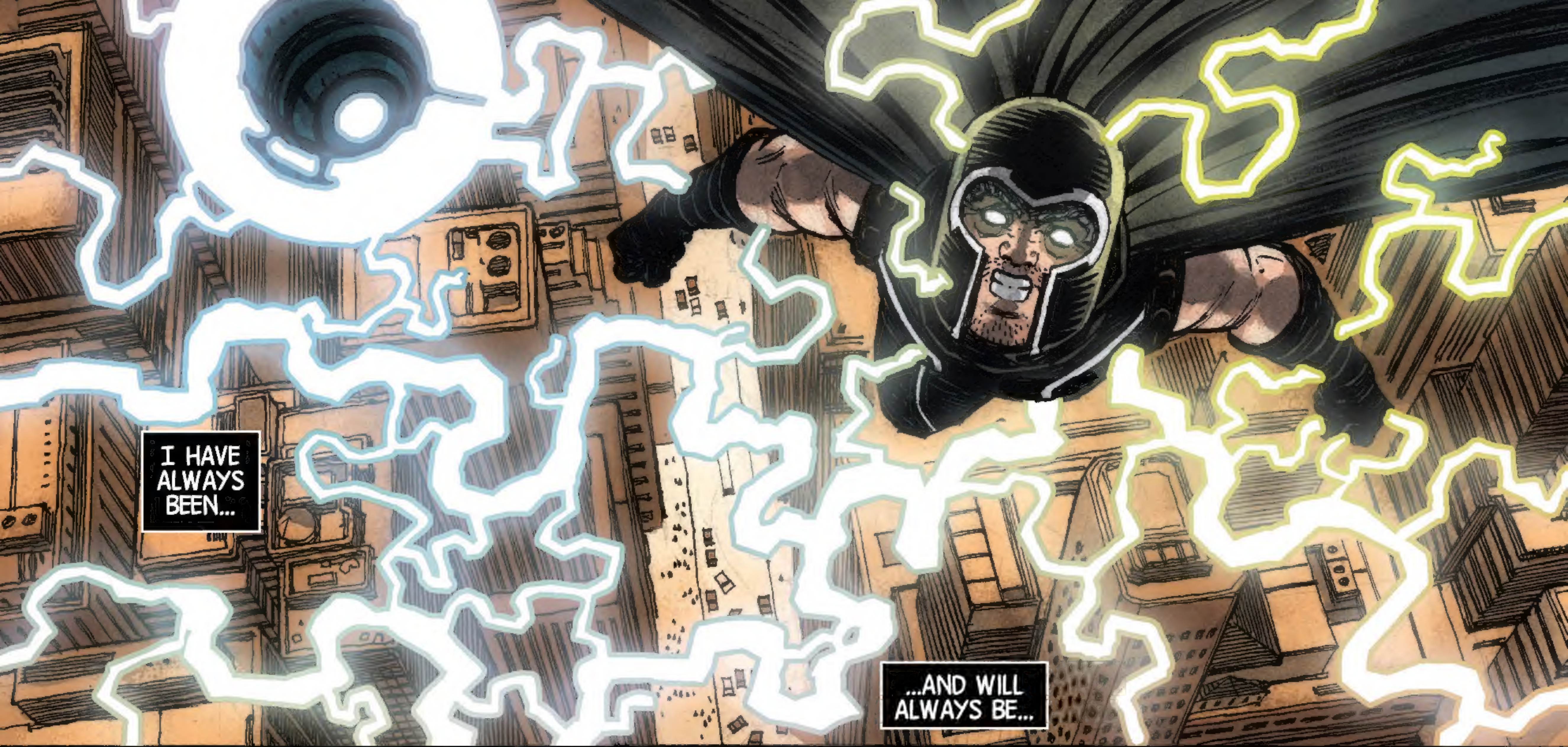
<...A PLACE...>



"<...AND SO LET
YOUR FINAL MOMENTS
BE SILENT.>"



THERE IS NO
REDEMPTION.



I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN...

...AND WILL ALWAYS BE...



...THE MONSTER.



NNNN



HERE...

YOU'RE WEAK...



LET
ME HELP
YOU.



DON'T
TOUCH
ME!

I DON'T
WANT *YOU*
ANYWHERE
NEAR ME!



YOU
TRICKED ME,
MS. RALEIGH.

YOU
LURED ME
HERE...

...BACK TO
MAGNETO'S
SIDE.



TAKE A
LOOK AROUND,
POLARIS.

WE'RE NOT
AT MAGNETO'S
SIDE. NEITHER
ONE OF US.

HE'S ON
HIS OWN
NOW.



HE
STOLE MY
POWER.

HE COULD
HAVE ASKED
NICELY, I GUESS.
BUT THAT'S NOT
REALLY YOUR
DAD'S STYLE.

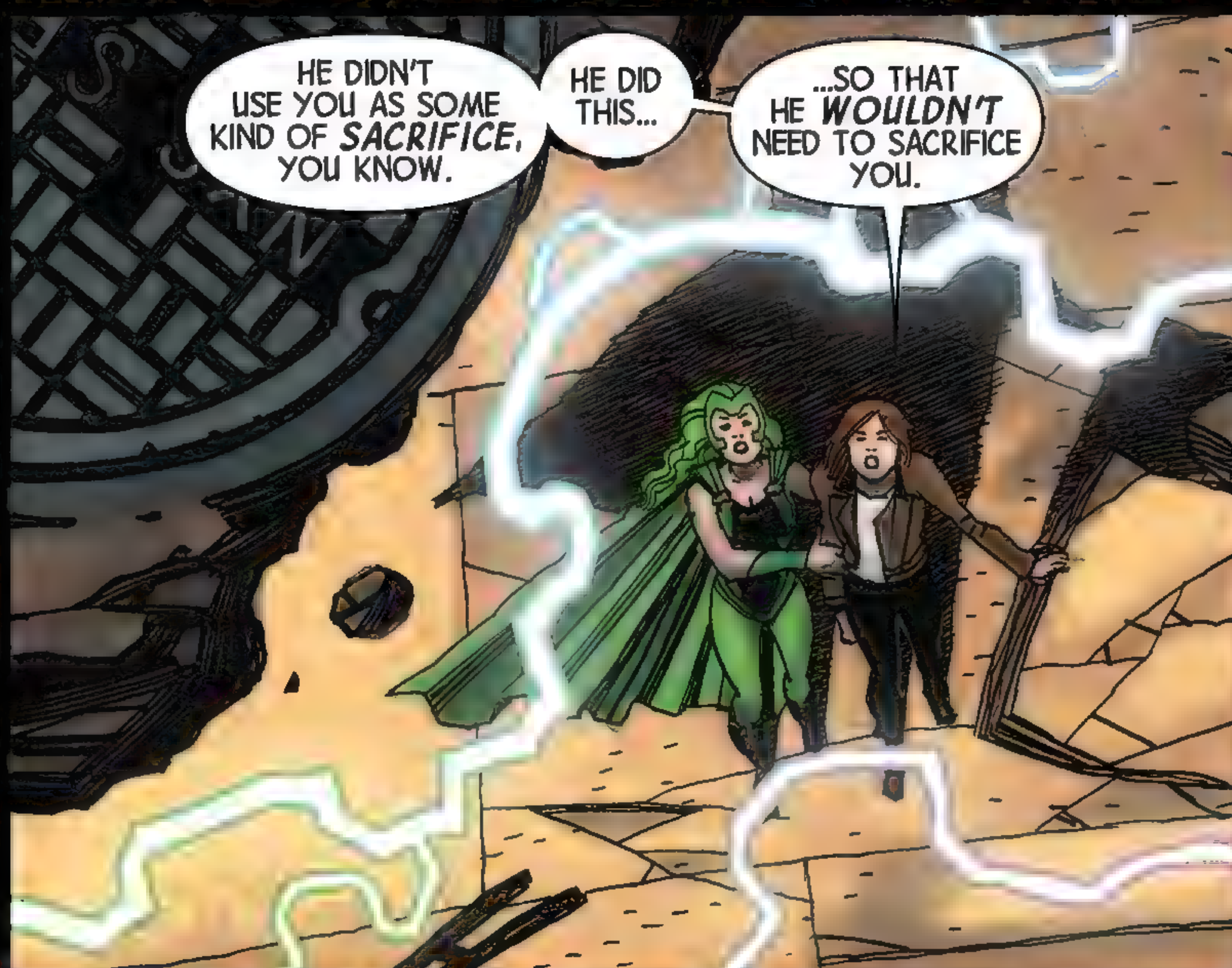
AND IF HE
HAD SAID HE
NEEDED YOU TO
GIVE HIM YOUR
POWERS...

...SO HE
COULD SAVE
THE WORLD...

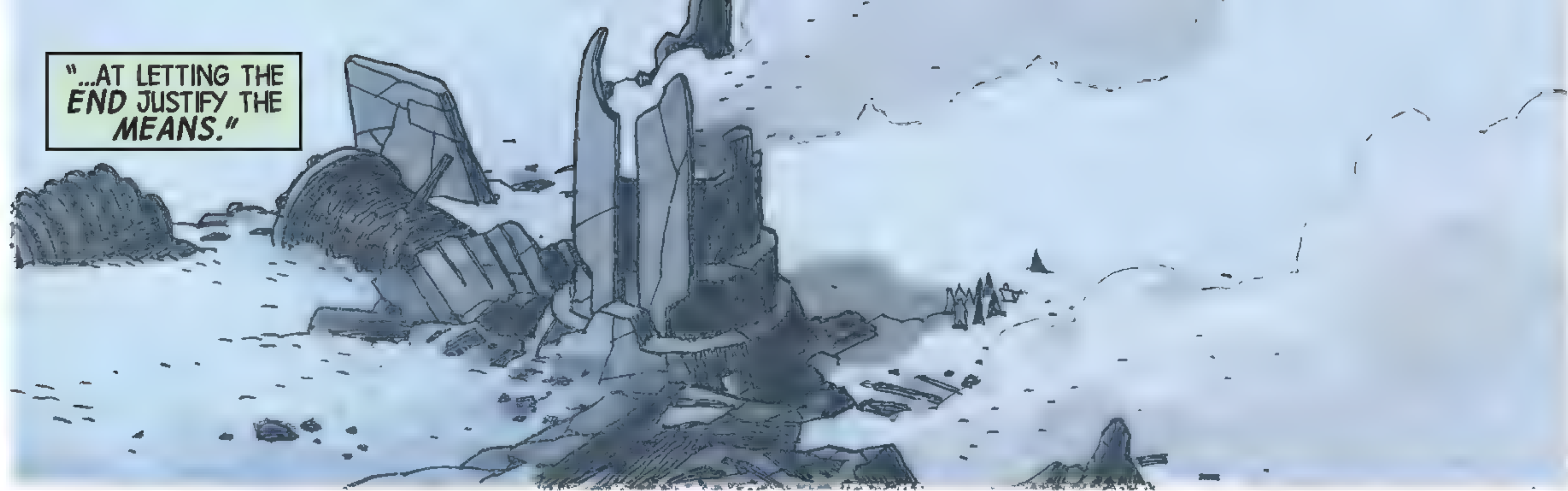


...WHAT
WOULD YOU
HAVE--

OH.



"...AT LETTING THE
END JUSTIFY THE
MEANS."



YOU HAVE
COMMITTED ACTS OF
TERRORISM.

YOU
HAVE BROKEN
INTERNATIONAL
LAW.

YOU MUST
BE TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY TO BE
TRIED IN A COURT
FOR YOUR
ACTIONS.



MY ACTIONS
SERVE THE NEEDS
OF MUTANTKIND,
CHARLES.

I WILL
NOT BE TRIED IN
A FORUM PRESIDED
OVER BY
HUMANS...

...SERVING
LAWS I **REFUSE**
TO RECOGNIZE.

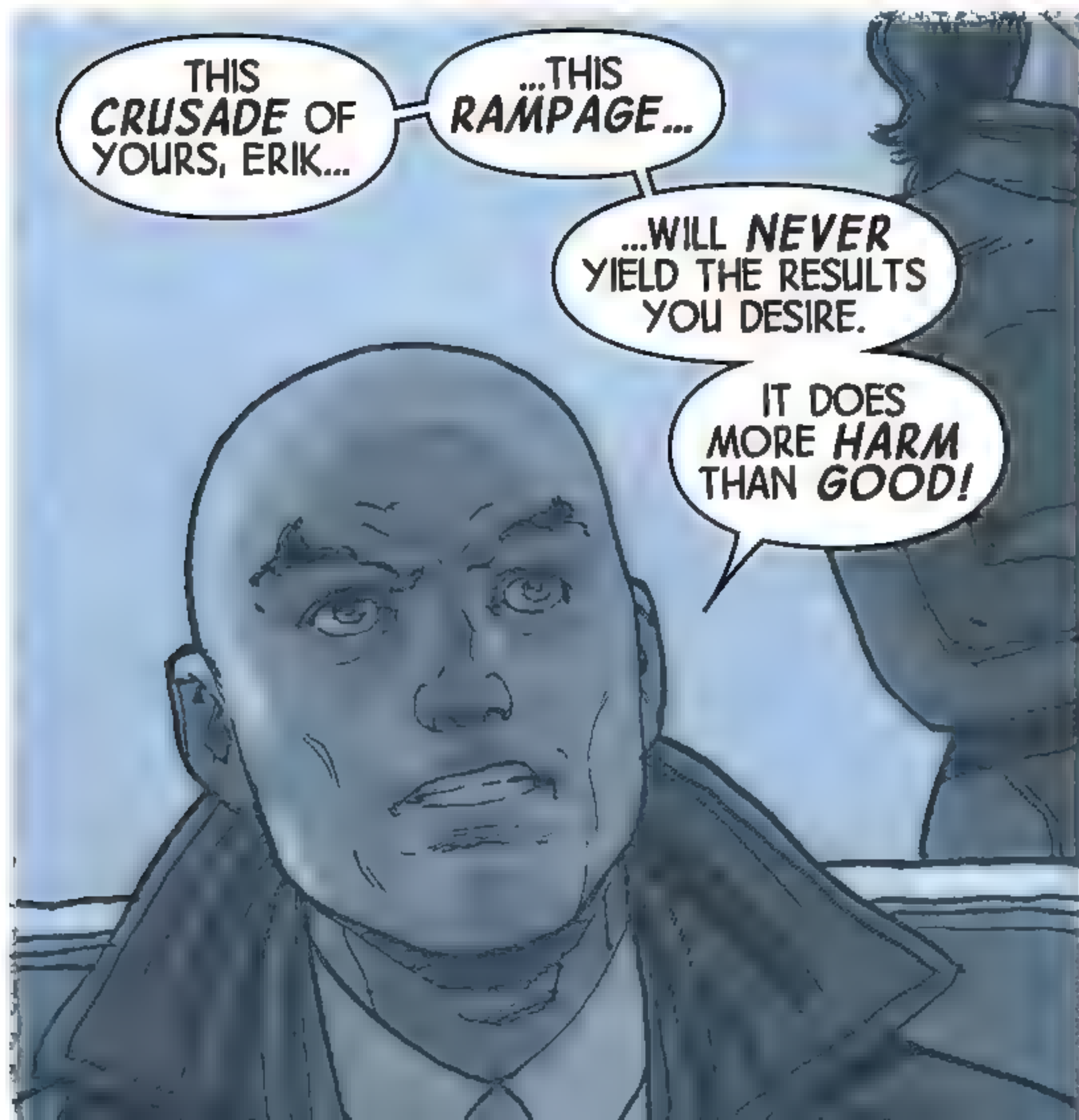


THIS
CRUSADE OF
YOURS, ERIK...

...THIS
RAMPAGE...

...WILL **NEVER**
YIELD THE RESULTS
YOU DESIRE.

IT DOES
MORE **HARM**
THAN **GOOD!**



WE SHALL
SEE.

FOR
NOW, I
LEAVE YOU,
CHARLES.

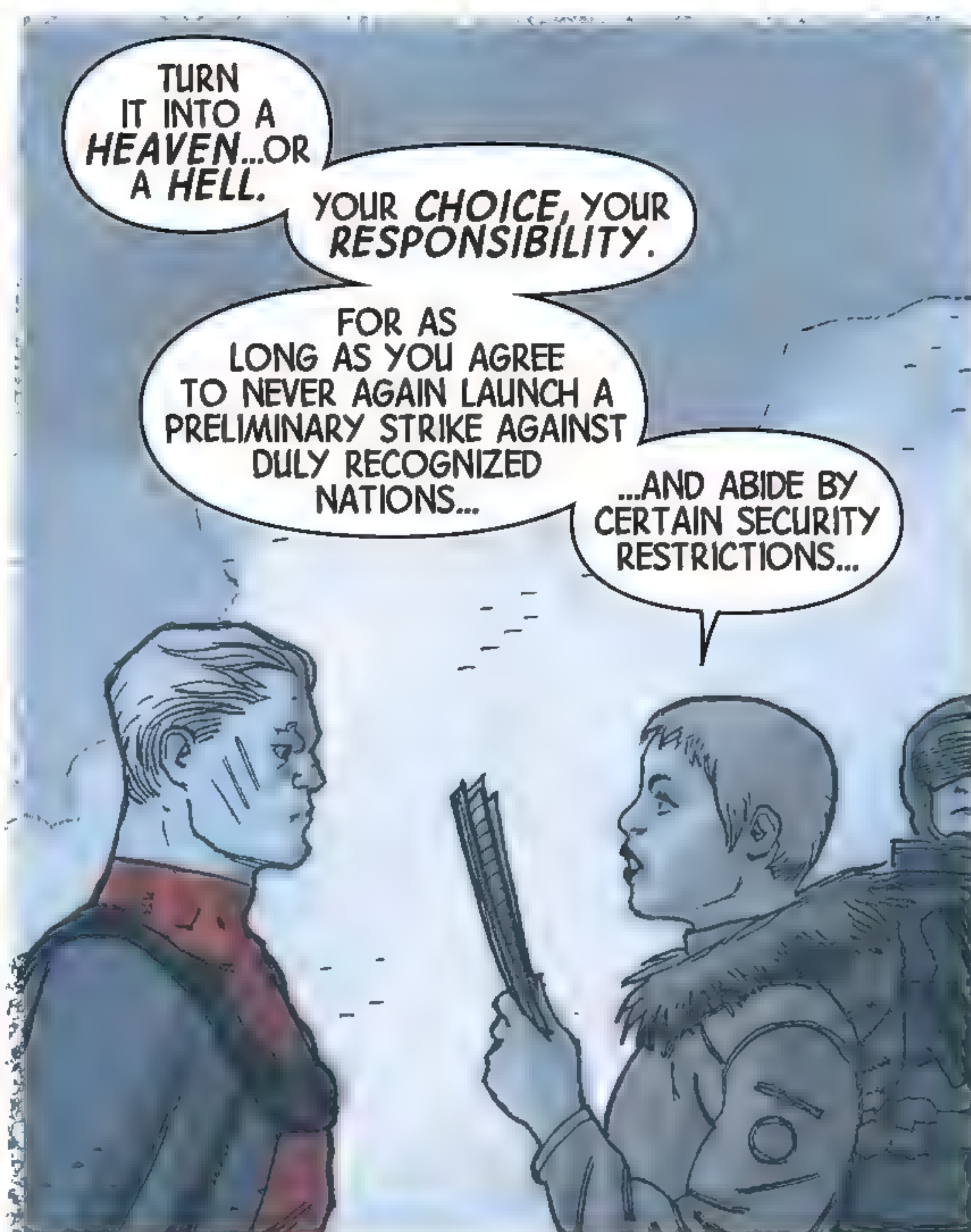
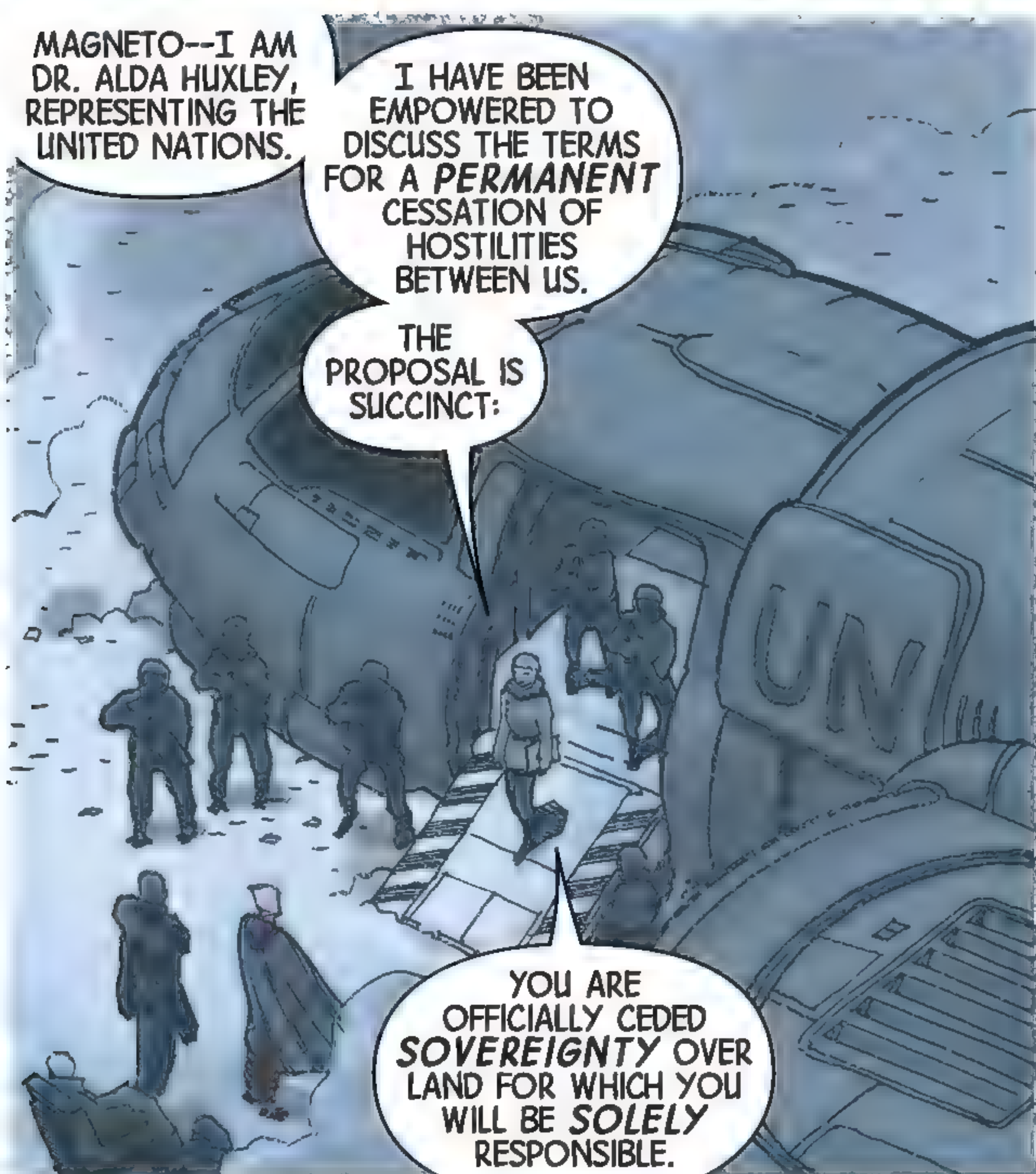
I WILL
REGROUP...
AND I WILL
DO IT...

...ALL...

...OVER...

...AGAIN.



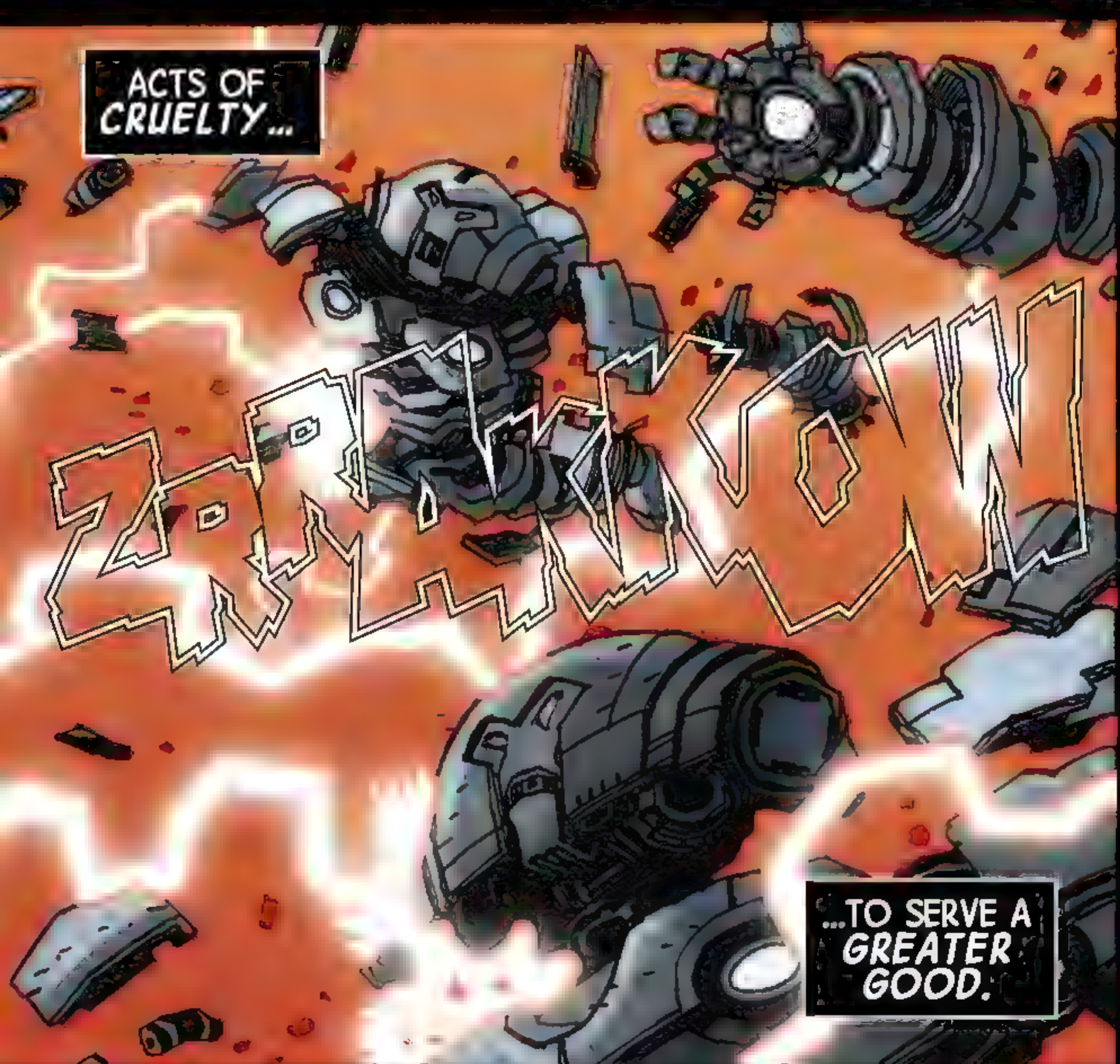




I ATTACKED **CAPE CITADEL** AS MY WAY OF INTRODUCING MUTANTS TO A WORLD THAT WOULD FEAR AND HATE THEM.

I SANK THE **LENINGRAD**... A SUBMARINE WITH A CREW OF MORE THAN 150 SAILORS... IN RETALIATION FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST ME.

I RIPPED THE PLANET'S **ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS** APART FOR THE PROMISE OF A MUTANT SAFE HAVEN.



ACTS OF CRUELTY...

...TO SERVE A GREATER GOOD.



XAVIER WARNED THAT MY WAR AGAINST HUMANITY WOULD CONSUME ME.

HE NEVER FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE TRUTH OF IT.

SRA-TPOOM



THE CONFLICT GAVE ME PURPOSE...

...BUT IT ALSO FED A DEEPER COMPULSION...



...ONE AS **BOTTOMLESS** AS MY NEED TO PROTECT MY PEOPLE.

PERHAPS I NEVER RECOGNIZED IT MYSELF.



HERE...AT THE END... I SEE IT CLEARLY...

...THE **AWFUL POWERS** THAT HAVE GUIDED MY HAND.

HE'S... HE'S DOING IT!

HE'S PUSHING THE OTHER WORLD BACK!

NO.

CAN'T YOU SEE?

"HE'S
ALREADY
FAILED."

YEEEEEEAARGH!

ANGER.

HATRED.

FEAR.

THESE FORCES...
MORE THAN
ANY OTHER...

HAVE
...FUELED
ME...

...DEFINED
WHO I AM...

...AND CARVED
OUT THE
LEGACY I WILL
LEAVE BEHIND.

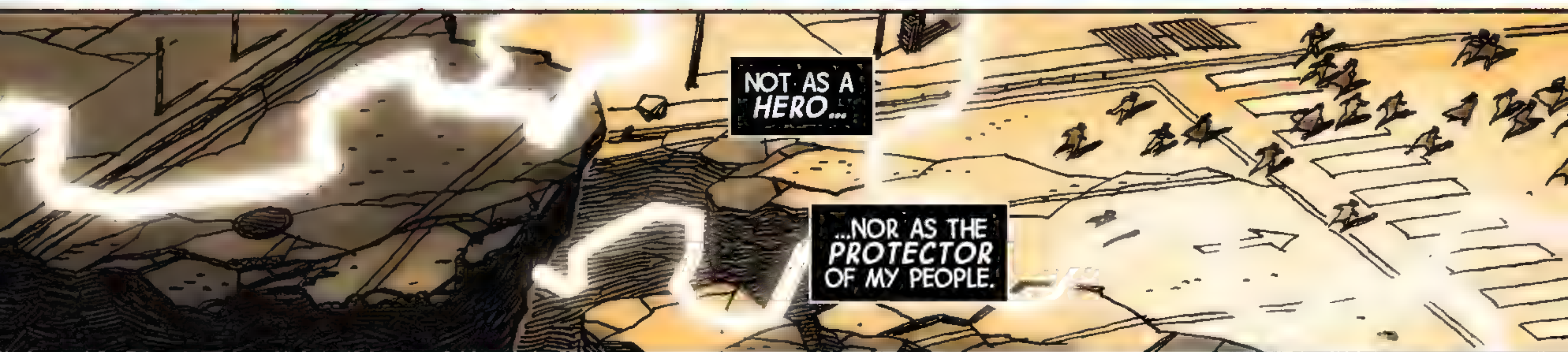
THERE IS NO WAY
AROUND IT. I WILL DIE
TO SAVE THE EARTH.

MY BODY CANNOT
CONTAIN SUCH
VAST POWER.

VRRRRRRSSSSSSHHH

BUT...EVEN IF
I SUCCEED...

...HOW WILL I BE
REMEMBERED?



NOT AS A
HERO...

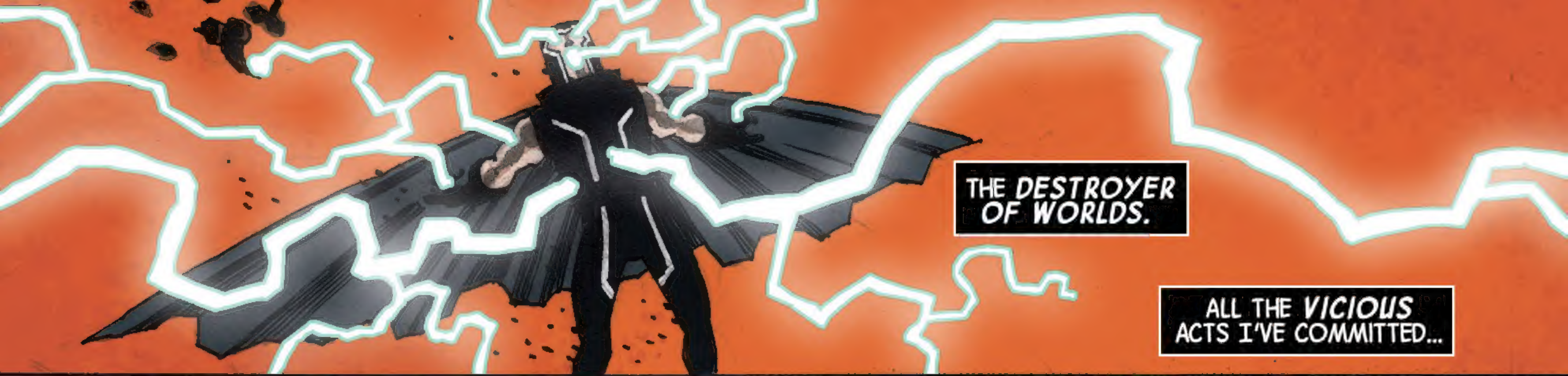
...NOR AS THE
PROTECTOR
OF MY PEOPLE.

MY LEGEND WILL BE THAT OF
A **MUTANT BOGEYMAN**
BENT ON PUNISHING THE SINS
OF THE PAST...

...A CREATURE DRIVEN
BY **COLD-BLOODED**
VENGEANCE...

...WITH THE FURY
AND POWER OF A
WRATHFUL GOD
AT HIS FINGERTIPS.

UNSTOPPABLE...
UNRELENTING...
UNFORGIVING.



THE DESTROYER
OF WORLDS.

ALL THE VICIOUS
ACTS I'VE COMMITTED...



...AGAINST
MANKIND...

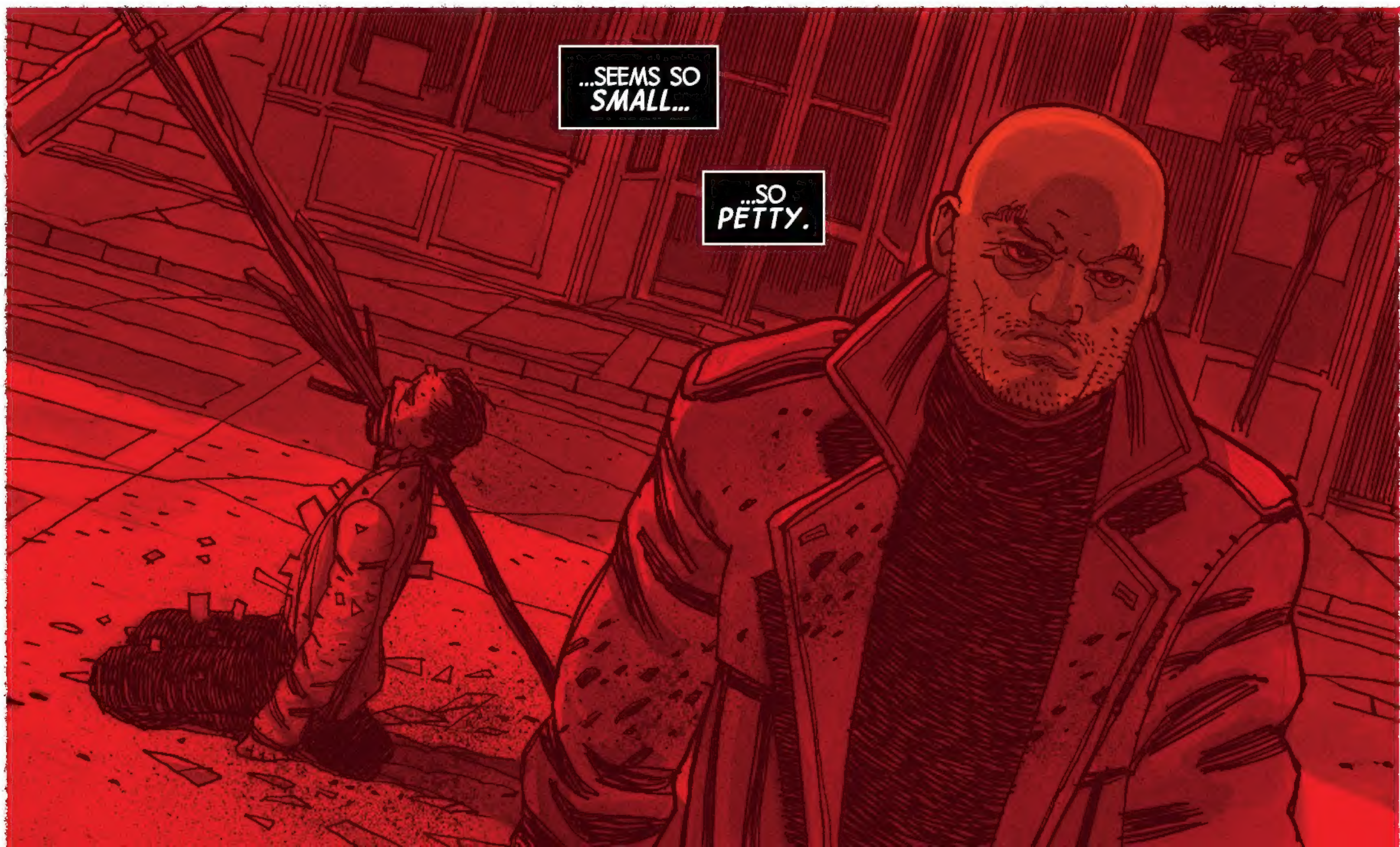
...AGAINST
MUTANTS...

...AGAINST MEN
AND WOMEN WHO
MIGHT HAVE BEEN
MY FRIENDS...



...THE TERROR
I'VE SOWN...

...IN THE FACE OF THE
APOCALYPSE...



...SEEMS SO
SMALL...

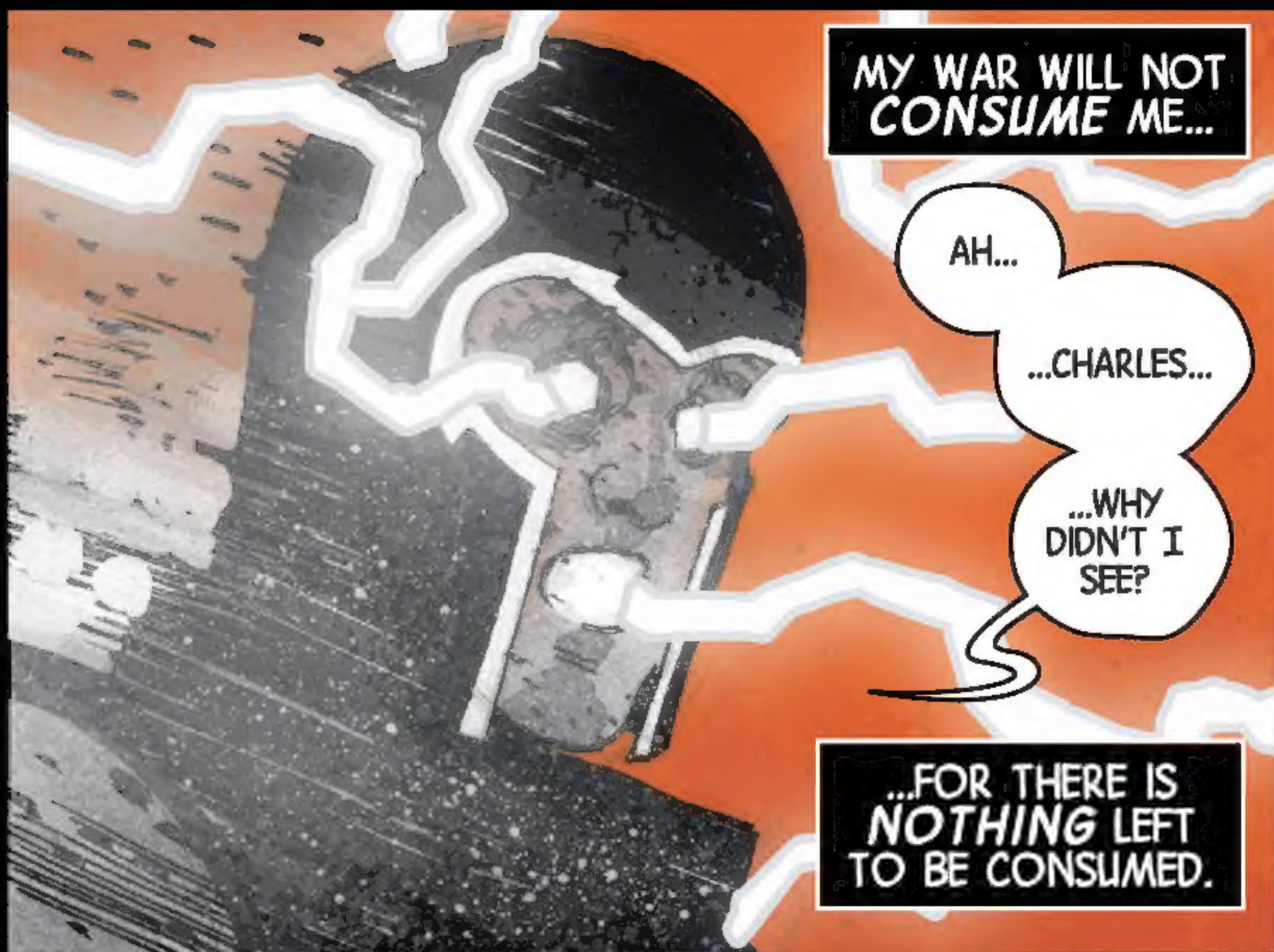
...SO
PETTY.



I LET MY OWN FURY
DROWN OUT THE
VOICES OF THE PEOPLE
I SWORE TO DEFEND.

MUTANTS HAVE
BEEN BURDENED...

...SCARRED BY
MY ACTIONS.



MY WAR WILL NOT
CONSUME ME...

AH...

...CHARLES...

...WHY
DIDN'T I
SEE?

...FOR THERE IS
NOTHING LEFT
TO BE CONSUMED.



ALL THE ANGER
AND HATRED
AND FEAR...

...IT IS NOT
ENOUGH TO
SPARE MY
WORLD.



SO GREAT IT BURNS
ME ALIVE FROM THE
INSIDE OUT...

...BUT STILL
NOT--





HE'S... ..GONE...

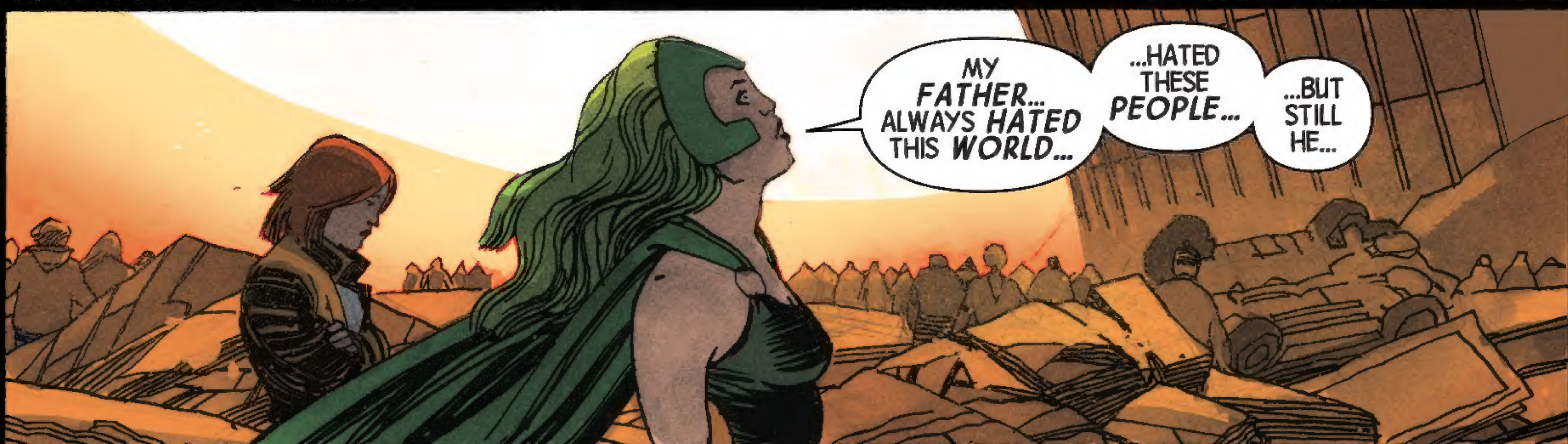
...ISN'T HE?



YES...
I THINK
HE IS.

THERE'S
NOTHING.

NOTHING
LEFT.



MY
FATHER...
ALWAYS HATED
THIS WORLD...

...HATED
THESE
PEOPLE...

...BUT
STILL
HE...



...HE
TRIED.

END.

